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Applicants: Hammond et al.
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Examiner: Bryce P. Bonzo
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above identified application subject to a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed on February 14, 2005, Applicants respectfully request amendment of the claims as provided below.

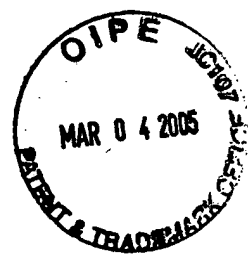
1. (Currently amended) A notification system for at least one power supply coupled to a computer network and adapted to transmit data over the computer network when the at least one power supply undergoes an entry of a critical state, the notification system comprising:

a computer system connected to the computer network, the computer system being adapted to:

monitor information transmitted over the computer network and detect an occurrence of the data being associated with the entry of the critical state;

store information relating to the data being associated with the entry and exit of the critical state; and

report over the computer network at least one of: (i) a combination of an entry time of the critical state and an exit time of the critical state, and (ii) a duration of time as a difference between the entry time and the exit time of the critical state.



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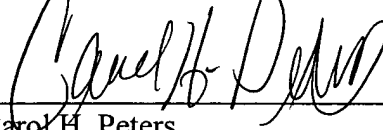
Transmitted herewith for filing in the above identified application are the following:

- (1) PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT; and
- (2) RETURN RECEIPT POSTCARD.

Should any of the items identified above be missing from this submission, the Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617-348-4914.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with filing this preliminary amendment to the deposit account of the undersigned, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, referencing Attorney Docket No. 18133-075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is provided for this purpose.

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